



PROCLAMATION
SPECIAL OLYMPICS SANTA BARBARA
June 9, 2009

WHEREAS, for forty (40) years, *Special Olympics Santa Barbara* has provided training and competition opportunities for thousands of Santa Barbarans with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, *Special Olympics Santa Barbara* was launched in 1969 at time when there were no special education classes, no Americans with Disabilities Act, and no physical activities programs, and no opportunity to compete in sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, today, with the leadership of *Special Olympics* our community, and communities across the World, make room on our playgrounds and playing fields, at our schools and work, and, most importantly, in our hearts, so that all of us can live with hope and dignity; and

WHEREAS, today the Community of Santa Barbara will come together at Noon, at the Sunken Gardens of the Santa Barbara County Courthouse to celebrate our local *Special Olympics* athletes, their volunteer coaches, and, with special recognition of *Santa Barbara Law Enforcement* who for 22 years have supported *Special Olympics Santa Barbara* with the annual *Law Enforcement Torch Run*; and

WHEREAS the City appreciates its partnership with *Special Olympics Santa Barbara*, their athletes, coaches, and Law Enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim June 9, 2009 as **SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF SANTA BARBARA** and commend the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Foundation for their support of higher education for the young people of this area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, to be affixed this 9th day of June, 2009.

Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

